

2026 Iowa Legislative Session comes to a close

The Iowa Legislature gaveled out for the year on Sunday May 4, 2026, after grappling with a record number of legislative proposals. On the aviation side, industry efforts to redirect an average of \$5M annually in use tax from aircraft sales from the General Fund to the State Aviation Fund did not advance, however, appropriations for airport vertical infrastructure projects from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) increased by \$1.1M over previous years for total of \$4M in vertical infrastructure funding for FY 2027. Additionally, a \$10M appropriation was provided to the Department of Defense for runway enhancements that will support operations of the 185th Air Refueling Wing at the Sioux Gateway airport in Sioux city. Funding bills still need to be signed by Governor Reynolds to become law.

Efforts to exempt agricultural Unmanned Aircraft Systems from aircraft registration, and to mandate certain activities related to Advanced Air Mobility failed to advance.

